

Taft Favors Withdrawing Canadian Reciprocity Act

Senator McCumber of North Dakota has introduced separate bill for repeal of Reciprocity Act. State Fearing Advantages which Canada would gain--Democratic House of Representatives Still Favorable to Closer Trade Relations

(Canadian Press)
Washington, July 23--President Taft has indicated to the Republican leaders in the senate a wish to know their views about repealing the Canadian Reciprocity Act. The senate has already passed repeal provisions as amendments to two tariff bills and a separate bill for the repeal of the act has been favorably reported by the finance committee Mr. Taft so far has not indicated either to the finance committee or its members that he absolutely favors a repeal but has let it to be known that if senate leaders favored such a measure he wanted to discuss it with them.

representative Oscar W. Underwood are still devoted to reciprocity that with all other senate amendments was disapproved to and the Steel bill remains in conference. The Senate Finance Committee already has favorably reported a separate bill for the repeal of reciprocity introduced by Senator McCumber of North Dakota. Reciprocity was so popular in Mr. McCumber's State that President Taft as its sponsor ran a poor third in the presidential preference preliminaries. President Taft aroused much hostility throughout the middle west and northwest by his aversion to the policy. Although reciprocity was about the only Taft policy that the third term candidate (Roosevelt) endorsed, he repudiated it as soon as he discovered it was impeding his canvass for delegates against Mr. Taft.

OLD HOME CELEBRATION PROMISES TO BE SUCCESS

With the date of the opening of the Old Home Week Celebration drawing near, the arrangements for the big demonstration are progressing actively and indications point to the greatest week in the history of Fredericton.

Many inquiries are being made and Secretary McDade is kept busy sending out the literature and other advertising material. The secretary announced this morning that arrangements had been made through His Worship Mayor Hooper, president of the N. B. & Maine League that all those participating in the Polymorphian Parade would be admitted in the base ball match on Thursday afternoon free of charge. This, it is expected, will serve to add materially to the attractiveness of the parade. For the parade six grand prizes, including a special combination prize of \$40 have been offered and there promises to be keen competition. Competition is open to all without entrance fee.

ATTRACTIVE PROGRAMME

An attractive program containing the events has been prepared and these can be had on application to the secretary. Mr. McDade is also sending out 2000 additional posters, as well as hundreds of letters to former residents. All the local merchants have been communicated with by the secretary and asked to mention the Old Home Week Celebration in their advertisements.

The music during the week will be a big feature. In addition to both the local bands, it is expected that there will be several visiting musical organizations, including the Artillery Band from St. John, which will accompany the Firemen from the foggy city.

Chief Rutter said this morning that the outlook was bright for a successful muster and there is also a possibility that a convention of the fire chiefs of the departments of the province will be a feature of the muster. Representatives from many departments are assured and Fredericton people and visitors of the capital may feel that this feature of the Old Home Week Celebration will be very creditably handled.

OLD HOME RACES
The Fredericton Park Association will meet this evening to complete the arrangements for the big meet (Continued on page five.)

SCHOONER ADVANCE SAFE

New York, N. Y., July 23--Fears for the safety of the schooner Advance, which sailed from Campbellton, N. B., June 27th, with a cargo of laths for New York, were dispelled with the arrival of the vessel here today. Fogs and strong head winds had delayed the schooner. The owners, with officers in Halifax, had received no word from the Advance since the day of her sailing and had become anxious about her safety.

BORDEN DINED IN LONDON

Harped on Patriotic String and Chamber of Commerce Banquet

Mentioned Importance of Best Steamship and Cable Communication Hon L. P. Pelletier Not Present

London, July 23--Over five hundred people including several of London's merchant princes attended the Chamber of Commerce banquet to Right Hon. R. L. Borden, last evening, when Lord Desborough presided and the Canadian Premier was given an enthusiastic reception. Amongst those present were the Duke of Argyll, Lord Strathcona, Lord Emmett Cole, governor of the Bank of England, Sir J. Anderson, Mr. George A. Drummond, Sir Robert Perks and all the visiting Canadian ministers with the exception of Hon. L. P. Pelletier, who was indisposed.

Premier Borden responded to the toast of "Our Guests," and was received with cheers. He declared that the Canadian ministers had everywhere been received in the most cordial manner and there was every reason to believe that good would result from their mission. He and his colleagues were assured they could bring with them a message of greeting, friendship and cooperation to the people of the British Isles. The people of Canada like those of the other Overseas Dominions were not afraid of the responsibilities of Empire however great they might be. In Canada the King had no more loyal or devoted subjects in the Dominion than those of French descent. The two races were working together in full consciousness of the responsibility which the greatness of their heritage imposed upon them. He felt confident that the Overseas Dominions were working together, endowed with a sense of unity and responsibility as an essential for the maintenance of the Empire and as an accessory to this were keenly alive to the import of the best steamship and cable communication.

PRINCE OF WALES DINED

(Canadian Press.)
Paris, July 23--President Fallieres today gave a luncheon at the palace of the Elysee in honor of the Prince of Wales, who is about to return to England after a sojourn of over three months with the Marquis and Marquise of Breteuil.

M. Fallieres presented the Prince with the Insignia of the Grand Cross of the Legion of Honor.

GERMAN SPY SENTENCED

Edinburgh, July 23--Armstrong Karl Graves, a German was found guilty today by the Scottish high court of Justice on a charge of spying. He was sentenced to eight months imprisonment. Notes regarding guns under construction and other documents were found in his possession.

GUN FIGHT IN NEW YORK

Two Little Children Fatally Shot Last Night In East-side Row

Trouble Occurred in Crowded Street And Many Persons were injured By Flying Bullets

(Canadian Press.)
New York, July 23--Two little children were shot and probably fatally injured and several persons are believed to have been wounded last night when a gang of rowdies became involved in a running gun fight on the East side. The battle took place in East Twelfth Street, and the thoroughfare was crowded when the rowdies, without warning, drew guns and began shooting at one another. The panic ensued and there was a wild scramble to get out of the way of the flying lead. Several persons were seen to limp away but according to the police the two children were the only ones found to be seriously hurt.

JOHN MITCHELL GOT NINE MONTHS IN JAIL

(Canadian Press.)
Washington, July 23--John Mitchell, vice-president of the American Federation of Labor, today was sentenced in the District of Columbia Supreme Court to nine months' imprisonment for contempt of court, growing out of the Buck Stove and Range Company case. An appeal was taken and \$4,000 bail furnished to abide by the decision of the upper courts.

GERMAN MILITARY AIR-SHIP TAKEN OVER

Berlin, July 23--The most modern military airship of the German rigid system has been taken over by the war department today after an endurance and speed trial lasting eighteen hours. The airship developed forty-nine miles an hour and is considered the most speedy dirigible in the world. It has been christened the "Z II" and is to be stationed at the fortress of Metz, near the French frontier.

CABINET CONFERENCE IN SEPTEMBER

Ottawa, July 23--The cabinet ministers have all been asked by Premier Borden to so arrange their summer itinerary that they will all be back in the capital early in September, when a fall cabinet council is desired for the purpose of evolving the governments naval policy as a first step towards preparing the program for the next session. No definite announcement as to what the government will do in regard to the navy can be expected until after the September deliberations of the ministers here and it is understood that Premier Borden will return from London without giving any definite promises to the admiralty as to what Canada is prepared to do.

CONSOLS AT LOW FIGURE

London, July 23--Consols sank this morning to the low figure of 73 1/2 on the Stock Exchange. The increased expenditure foreshadowed in the speech on the supplementary appropriation for the British Navy made by Winston Spencer Churchill, first lord of the admiralty, yesterday in the House of Commons, was the immediate cause of the fall but Consols at present have very few friends and any attempt to put on the market even a small block is the signal for a decline in the price.

One of Rosenthal's Murderers Surrenders

A. O. H. TO DISCUSS HOME RULE
Philadelphia, Pa. July 23--The question of home rule for Ireland is one of the matters that will come before the biennial convention of A.O.H. board of Erin which began in this city today with delegates in attendance from 28 States and three provinces of Canada. It is expected a resolution will be adopted pledging the support of the order to the Irish parliamentary party.

CONFESSES THE CRIME

Of Poisoning Her Six Children in P.E.I. April Last

Tells How She Soaked Matches With Sugar and Water Which Little Ones Drank

Charlottetown, July 23--Mrs. McGee, the wife of the farmer near Georgetown, P. E. I., who was found guilty of the murder of her six children, has since made a confession that they all met death at her hands. The confession, given to Duncan A. Stewart, of Georgetown, is as follows:

"I, Minnie McGee, confess to having administered the ends of matches containing sulphur and phosphorus to my children in April last. I gave it to them in sugar and water. I was feeling bad at the time I did it. (Sgd.) "MINNIE MCGEE."

The statement was filed in the court today and it is expected to have an influence in shaping the fate of the unfortunate woman. Professor Rutman was especially anxious that, if possible, a confession should be got from the woman. The whole case will make an exceedingly interesting addition to medico-legal happenings.

FOUND GUILTY OF MURDER.
Charlottetown, P. E. I., July 20--The jury returned a verdict of guilty in the case of Mrs. McGee, charged with poisoning her children, with a recommendation to mercy.

Special interest was attached to the examination of Mrs. McGee herself. The particular feature of her testimony was the flat denial of many things concerning her deposition made at the coroner's inquest. Mrs. McGee disclaimed any knowledge of the notes and, being asked, who she thought might have written them, answered she knew not, unless the Mahars themselves. Mrs. McGee also contradicted flatly the Misses Mahar and Mrs. Hicken regarding the amounts of matches bought by her. Several of her statements were at variance with those sworn to previously. When asked whether she cared or not which were true she replied she cared but little. She declared she did not know what became of all the matches. She saw them, but did not give them to the children in milk or anything else. Several notes were produced in court ordering various things and amongst them matches. The Misses Mahar and Mrs. Hicken, who also keeps a store, had sworn that these notes were brought to them by the McGee children.

CROOK ARRESTED IN WALES

(Canadian Press.)
Fishguard, Wales, July 22--Emile Leon Schler, a passenger on board the Cunard Liner "Lusitania" was arrested on the vessels arrival here at a quarter to ten this morning on the charge of alleged extensive frauds in America.

Mr. P. D. McAvity of St. John, is at the Queen.

Harry Vallon Went to New York Police Headquarters in Motor-car and Gave Himself up--Probably will get Third Degree Today--Deputy Commissioner Dougherty Confident that Other Four Men Wanted will be Captured

(Canadian Press)
New York, July 23--The gunmen wanted for the killing of Gambler Herman Rosenthal are beginning to fall into the nets. Harry Vallon, gun-carrier and gambler, one of the five notorious gangsters who were in the "murder car" the night Rosenthal was shot, surrendered himself to the police this morning and within ten days Deputy Police Commissioner Dougherty expects to round up the gang of gun-barriers. With the men who actually did the shooting in the tolls, the main work of district attorney Whitman and Deputy Police Commissioner Dougherty will commence, that of trying to learn the identity of the real conspirators, who so greatly designed that Rosenthal be done away with before he could make further revelations of the relations between the police and gamblers. Several of New York's prominent citizens have offered to pay for a private investigation into the question of whether police partnership with gamblers led to the slaying of Rosenthal. Commissioner Dougherty remarked significantly to District Attorney Whitman that "I guess we agree as to who is back of this killing." But the public prosecutor does not feel that Commissioner Dougherty can swing the investigation of the killing alone as he is of the belief that the police department will give no real aid. The surrender of Vallon may be followed by the voluntary appearance of other gangsters known to have been in the "Murder Car" the night of the killing. Besides Vallon there were Harry Horwitz best known under his gang name "Gib the Blood," "Dago" Frank an East Side gangster, "Lefty Louie" and "Whitey Louie". Vallon has nothing of the appearance of a gangster of the meaner sort. His appearance at police headquarters dumfounded the desk sergeant and he had to convince the detectives as to his identification before they locked him up. Vallon drew up at headquarters in a taxi-cab and loungers saw a fastidiously dressed dapper little chap step lightly out from the car and swing a cane from a gloved hand, mount the steps of the building. "Kindly tell me where is the detective bureau," he asked. Then Vallon appeared before Lieut. McNally and gave himself up, and was locked up after the astonished officials could summon an officer. Commissioner Dougherty prepared to give Vallon the third degree today. To learn further of those who hired the gunmen, to kill Rosenthal. That some of the gunmen have fled the city is believed by detectives.

MARRIAGE LAW CASE BEFORE THE LORDS

London, July, 23--In the privy council chamber at Whitehall today the opening arguments were heard in an appeal which will undoubtedly rank as historic in the annals of Canada. The famous marriage law case, involving the principle of the Ne Temere Decree of the Roman Catholic Church. The case came before Lord Chancellor Haldane, Lord Loreburn and Lord Halsbury, ex-lord chancellor; Lord McNaughton, Lord Atkinson, Lord Shaw and Chief Baron Pallas.

Wallace Nesbitt, E. F. LaFleur and Geoffrey Lawrence appeared to argue the case for the Dominion Government; Mr. Mignault and Mr. Hellmuth were present to argue other questions incidental to the case; R. C. Smith and A. Geoffrion represented the attorney-general of Quebec.

WALLACE NESBITT OPENS
This morning Wallace Nesbitt opened with a formal recital of the grounds of appeal. The first question for the court to decide, he said was: "Has the parliament of Canada authority to enact in whole or in part Bill 3 of the first session of the twelfth parliament of Canada?"

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IRISH MOB WRECKED CONSUMPTION SANITARIUM

Dublin Ireland, July 22--A nearly completed consumption sanitarium under construction at Lucan a village about seven miles to the west of this city under the auspices of the Lady Aberdeen and the Women's National Health Association, was demolished today by irate dwellers in the vicinity. A great mob with ropes and pick-axes and fire tore off the roof and then threw down the walls, leaving nothing but a heap of debris. The inhabitants of Lucan have displayed much hostility to the scheme since its inception.

Mr. Harold Perley of St. John is in the city.

BOUBONIC PLAGUE CASE AT HAVANA

Havana, July 23--Another case of bubonic plague was diagnosed here yesterday making the third case since July 3rd. The patient has been under observation for several days at the hospital to which he had been taken from a house at No. 2 Baralt Street in the district where the first case was discovered. Another suspect was taken yesterday from a house in the outskirts of the city. The bacteriologists have been unable so far to find the bubgic bacillus among the thousands of rats examined. The cleansing of the city and fumigation of vessels continues.

Mr. S. E. Calhoun of Moncton arrived in the city last night.

THE WEATHER.
Maritime -- Strong winds and moderate gales, becoming north west. Continued rain in eastern Nova Scotia and the Islands, clearing in western districts.